

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA  
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

**MARCH 6, 2003**

**FLETCHER HALL 100**

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Obasi Haki-Akan, Mike Bell, Susan Davidson, Parthasarati Dileepan, Joe Dumas, Marvin Ernst, Steve Eskildsen, Jane Fife, David Garrison, Phil Giffin, Matt Greenwell, Bill Harman, Karen Henderson, Jim Hiestand, Lauri Hyers, Jason Kawall, Robin Lee, Terri LeMoyné, Vance Lesseig, Anne Lindsey, Deborah McAllister, Gail Meyer, Teresa Norris, Burch Oglesby, Joe Owino, Vickie Petzko, Gretchen Potts, Oralia Preble-Niemi, Sean Richards, Cheryl Robinson, Judith Wakim, Terry Walters, Barbara Walton

**ELECTED MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Stephanie Bellar, Dawn Ford, Diane Halstead, Valerie Rutledge, John Trimpey, Randy Walker

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Richard Brown, Sheila Delacroix, John Friedl

**AMONG THE GUESTS PRESENT:**

Lauren Coulter, Edward Rozema, Mary Tanner, Verbie Prevost, Fran Bender, Sandy Zitkus, Monty Wilson, Herb Burhenn, Deborah Arfken

**Call to Order:**

The meeting began at 3:00 p.m. At the request of President Ernst, the agenda was changed to reflect the movement of the report from the Campus Landscape and Design Committee to be presented after the report from the Curriculum Committee. There was no objection.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of February 20, 2003 were approved.

**Report from Executive Committee:**

President Ernst gave a report saying that as the end of the semester is nearing, several items are coming up. Material is coming in from the Handbook Committee, and the Budget & Economics Status Committee will be making a couple of recommendations next meeting regarding exceptional merit and extra service pay. A committee has been

formed on the study of graduation ceremonies and processes and they hope to report by the end of the semester. A Distance Learning ad hoc committee has been set up and are meeting on a regular basis. The first discussion was “What do we mean by distance learning?” The committee will continue in the fall semester with ideas on distance learning. The Admissions and Standards Committees had a meeting together looking at admissions and their assistance to graduation and that committee should have a report by the end of the term. Encouragement was given to everyone to attend the budget hearings.

### **Report from the Graduate School:**

Dean Arfken presented a proposal for changes in post-baccalaureate certificate programs in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. The changes are as follows: 1) change the admission requirement in the Quality Management Certificate Program; 2) change the admission requirement in the Project Management Certificate Program; and 3) change the admission requirement in the Fundamentals of Engineering Management Certificate Program. The motion carried to accept these changes, 31-0-0.

### **Report from the Undergraduate Curriculum:**

Dr. Rozema began with an explanation of the English proposal by reminding the Senate that this proposal was considered back in January as part of a larger packet of materials including approximately 12 courses or so. All of those courses were approved at past meetings, but did not pass the revision of requirements at that time. It was decided to pull English out of the other three proposals and come back and discuss English as a separate item. The other three proposals were:

- Add a Human Services Management minor in Emergency Systems Management
- New course proposal for Sociology 319 (3 credits) Work & Society
- Curriculum changes to ENEE 380 & ENEE 472

The motion carried to accept these changes, 30-0-0.

Turning back to the English proposal, a motion was made to approve the proposal, and seconded. The new rationale has not been voted on due to not having a quorum 2 meetings in a row. Dr. Greg O’Dea gave a lengthy explanation of the curriculum proposal. Dr. O’Dea clarified for Professor Anne Lindsey that the courses were approved and passed and this document outlines the curriculum requirements. Professor Gail Meyer questioned any changes in English 203 & 204. Dr. O’Dea stated that these courses will remain the same; they would not change. Professor Matt Greenwell presented the question, What are the philosophical changes and why are the changes worthwhile? Professor David Garrison responded by saying that are a couple issues that are crucial to this change due to shifts in student population. We have students who have concentrated in writing, others who are doing traditional work and doing their studies and some who plan to go to law school. We are moving to recognize the diversity of interests that students have. The second issue is to bring the curriculum into a line with very substantial changes in the field of English over the last 25-30 years. Also, we are trying to loosen up upper division credits for students. The traditional literary studies curriculum has an over-abundance of 200 level courses. The fundamental issue is that English studies do not equal literary studies. Professor Jim Hiestand asked why the vote was so different. Professor Ed Rozema noted that the department did respond back to the Curriculum Committee but the Curriculum Committee was not able to review and return

a response for lack of a quorum. Professor Oralia Preble-Niemi commented that some of those changes may be called for as a recommendation from an outside evaluator in their program review. Professor Joe Owino asked how long it would take to get a quorum if they had to have another meeting and what is the effect if it isn't passed? Professor Ed Rozema responded that it won't go into the new catalog if it isn't passed. There will be a year's delay. Professor Greg O'dea concurred. Professor Verbie Prevost responded that this is crucial for upper level students and necessary for major growth. Professor Teresa Norris commented that this has been in the works for three and a half months. A vote was taken to approve. The count was 28-1-0.

### **Report from Landscape Committee:**

Professor Linda Collins reported that the city wants us to give them an input on what the university wants for E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. A proposal has been made to include parallel parking along 5<sup>th</sup> street, a four-foot bike path on each side and raised crosswalks. There will be tree wells initiating the idea that when you enter E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Douglas you would look at a line of big trees that will create a path to go over the road. The greenway, a partnership between UTC and the state, will go through campus right next to the new Engineering building. The city engineer feels that diagonal parking will be very dangerous along 5<sup>th</sup> Street. It was asked if there would still be an entrance into Parking Lot 10 from 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Professor Collins stated that the entrance would close and you would enter Parking Lot 10 from Vine Street. It was noted that there would be an entrance from the Greenway. There is some discussion of having a few short term parking spaces in Lot 10 so that people could come in and out of the University Center as they needed. Other discussion followed concerning the cemetery and the parking lot across from Holt. Professor Collins thanked the Senate members for their input.

### **Administrative Report Provost Friedl**

No report.

### **Vice Chancellor Brown**

The news is the same on the budget. We are still looking at a 9% reduction in next years' budget.

### **Faculty Concerns**

President Ernst commented on the Cumulative Performance Review (CPR) document that had been distributed via email posting. Professor Hiestand expressed concerns about the process of a faculty member being ineligible for a raise if the report was unsatisfactory and the issue of a split decision if the dean differed from the program or department committee. President Ernst stated that it was not in its final stages and that the document will eventually come to the Senate for a vote.

Professor Mike Bell commented on the buildings being unpleasantly warm which made it difficult for students and faculty to concentrate. Vice Chancellor Brown stated they were working on it.

Professor Preble-Niemi stated that an alarm went off in Brock Hall yesterday and it took 45 minutes for the alarm to be turned off. Needless to say, students could not hear what was going on in their classes. Vice Chancellor Brown commented that a real fire was occurring at the arena during that time. The alarm in Brock was malfunctioning and had been repaired. Professor Preble-Niemi commented that it alarmed again this morning and that the issue was they were told not to worry but when do you know when to worry or not?

Professor Judy Wakim brought up the issue of students with a prior degree coming to UTC and having to repeat some of the courses they have had again. Provost Friedl stated that they were talking to the TBR system about this and trying to work out something for students with prior degrees.

Professor Greenwell commented that even when you leave a voice mail in the admissions/registration office that phone calls are not being returned. Provost Friedl announced that Dean Arfken is taking on the responsibilities of registrar and that she plans to have the counter in that office manned for all hours they are open. Please direct your concerns to Dean Arfken.

#### **Announcements**

Professor Gail Meyer announced the first faculty/staff breakfast with the Chancellor will be March 25. The purpose is to improve the sense of community on campus.

#### **Adjournment**

Finally, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 PM.

Enjoy your spring break!

Susan Davidson  
Faculty Senate Secretary

And the beat goes on...